

## Semantic Fields

A suggestion for categorising vocabulary in semantic fields, from Sutton and Walsh (1980).

		Field
<b>Nouns</b>	A	<b>Body Parts and Products; Diseases</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 head</li> <li>.2 torso</li> <li>.3 limbs</li> <li>.4 non-localised</li> <li>.5 hair</li> <li>.6 substances</li> <li>.7 ageing</li> <li>.8 disability</li> <li>.9 sickness</li> <li>.10 discomfort</li> <li>.11 senses</li> </ul>
	B	<b>Human Classification</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 peoples</li> <li>.2 age-grade terms</li> <li>.3 initiation terms</li> <li>.4 Kinship terms (by blood and marriage, address and relationship terms)</li> <li>.4.1 subsections</li> <li>.4.2 age-mate terms</li> </ul>
	C	<b>Language, Mythology and Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 linguistic speech acts</li> <li>.2 non-linguistic</li> <li>.3 play</li> <li>.4 fighting</li> <li>.5 ceremony</li> <li>.6 mourning</li> <li>.7 initiation</li> </ul>

	D	<b>Human Artefacts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 tools</li> <li>.2 weapons</li> <li>.3 fishing apparatus</li> <li>.4 clothing</li> <li>.5 shelter</li> </ul>
	E	<b>Food, Cooking and Fire</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 food</li> <li>.2 cooking</li> <li>.3 fire</li> </ul>
	F	<b>Water</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 Precipitation</li> <li>.2 Sources</li> </ul>
	G	<b>The Elements (weather, sky etc)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 Sky and heavenly bodies</li> <li>.2 Temperature</li> <li>.3 Wind</li> <li>.4 landscape features</li> <li>.5 holes in the earth</li> <li>.6 soils</li> <li>.7 types of landscape</li> </ul>
	H	<b>Mammals</b>
	I	<b>Reptiles</b>

	J	<b>Birds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 large birds</li> <li>.2 owls</li> <li>.3 hawks</li> <li>.4 ducks, teals, geese</li> <li>.5 pigeons, doves</li> <li>.6 parrots</li> <li>.7 herons, stilts, waders, etc</li> <li>.8 beach birds</li> <li>.9 sea birds</li> <li>.10 quail</li> <li>.11 introduced</li> <li>.12 other</li> </ul>
	K	<b>Fish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 groopers, cod</li> <li>.2 rays</li> <li>.3 sharks</li> <li>.4 catfish</li> <li>.5 mullets</li> <li>.6 perch</li> <li>.7 longtoms, garfish</li> <li>.8 parrotfish, tuskfish</li> <li>.9 toadfish</li> <li>.10 trevally, emperors</li> <li>.11 rock cod</li> <li>.12 batfish, butterfly</li> <li>.13 tuna, large jumping fish</li> <li>.14 gudgeons, mudskippers</li> <li>.15 small freshwater fish</li> <li>.16 salmon</li> <li>.17 herring, anchovy, bony bream</li> <li>.18 other</li> </ul>

	L	Shellfish and molluscs
	M	Insects and spiders
	N	Plants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 general terms</li> <li>.2 tree parts</li> <li>.3 trees and bushes</li> <li>.4 tubers</li> <li>.5 mangroves</li> <li>.6 eucalypts</li> <li>.7 grasses</li> <li>.8 other</li> </ul>
<b>Adjectives</b>	O	Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 size</li> <li>.2 shape</li> <li>.3 distance</li> <li>.4 arrangement</li> <li>.5 surface properties</li> <li>.6 colours</li> </ul>
	P	non-Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 sorrow</li> <li>.2 desire</li> <li>.3 hate</li> <li>.4 fear</li> <li>.5 positive</li> <li>.6 negative</li> </ul>
<b>Verbs</b>	Q	Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 walking</li> <li>.2 horizontal motion</li> <li>.3 vertical motion, falling</li> </ul>
	R	Abstract terms
	S	States

	T	<b>impact</b> .1 hitting .2 striking .3 cutting .4 piercing .5 throwing .6 pressing
	U	<b>holding and transfer</b> .1 transfer .2 manipulation .3 holding
<b>Misc</b>	V	<b>Temporal/Locational</b> .1 cardinal directions .2 demonstratives .3 location, distance .4 temporal: diurnal .5 temporal: other <b>Vp Place Names</b>
	W	<b>Interrogatives/Quantification</b> .1 Interrogatives .2 Quantification
	X	<b>Pronouns and deictics</b>
	Y	<b>Particles</b> .1 discourse .2 other <b>Interjections</b>
	Z	<b>Affixes</b>